

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (ISLAC)

April 20, 2007
Minutes (DRAFT)

Chair Amy Harsbarger called the meeting to order.

Members present were: Ruby Anderson; Nancy Conner; Nancy Dowell, Amy Harshbarger; Rick Jones; Linda Kolb; David Lewis; Michael Piper; Jack Randinelli; Margaret Seifert; Judy Smith; Carolyn Wheeler; Susan Wheeler, and Becki Whitaker.

Indiana State Library staff attending were: Roberta Brooker, Jim Corridan, Edie Huffman, Martha Jane Ringel; Marcia Smith-Woodard; Jake Speer; and Connie Rendfeld.

Roll Call: Members and staff present introduced themselves.

Minutes: Margaret Seifert moved to accept the minutes as distribute, Nancy Dowell seconded. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – no report.

Continuing Education Committee – no report.

Resource Sharing Committee – Jake Speer informed the group that the Resource Sharing Committee will be involved in the LSTA Technology Grants which will be discussed later.

Public Library Services Committee – no report.

Nominating Committee – no report.

State Library Report:

Jim Corridan reported on the current status of the transition plans regarding services to public libraries. The expectations regarding the State budget are for the line item previously for INCOLSA to be transferred to the Indiana State Library and for an additional quarter million dollars to be added to the Build Indiana Fund for INSPIRE. The Indiana State Library (ISL) plans to put out requests for proposals for the traditional services offered by INCOLSA with the hope of implementing the transition of services by July 1. Jim Corridan enumerated the list of services affected and the current status on each transition.

Jim Corridan then reported that the Certification Task Force has met and determined that certification for public library staff is important and should be continued and further developed. More members are needed on the Task Force. The Task Force hopes to have final recommendations by the end of the calendar year.

ISLAC will be of increasing importance because of the shifting role of INCOLSA. The Indiana State Library will need ISLAC's advice and input so that it can provide the best level

of service to the residents of Indiana. ISLAC will be a source for ideas as well as an advocate for libraries in the state.

Interviews are scheduled for the four finalists for position of director of the Indiana State Library. The Indiana Library Historical Board will make the final decision with July 1 is the target date for having the position filled.

Jake Speer reported on the LSTA Grants for 2007. The grant guidelines for the Technology Grants were changed this year to open up the applications to a wider variety of projects with increased funding available. This year ISL received 72 grant applications, almost double the amount of last year. The Resource Sharing Committee was asked to review the grant applications.

ISL received 17 applications for the Digitization Grants. A panel of historians reviewed the grants for historical content while State Library staff reviewed the technology plans. Eleven applications were selected and will be submitted to the Indiana Digital Library Board on April 25 for approval. A handout listing the grant projects and recommendations was distributed.

The format for the Institutional Literacy Grants was changed this year. Previously, all organizations received an equal amount. This year, the grants were competitive with a larger amount being available to the winning applications. The Library Development Office staff and a committee of representatives from the various agencies reviewed the applications independently and recommended 21 for funding.

Jake Speer turned the discussion to the topic of Indiana's draft LSTA 5-Year Plan for 2008-2012. This plan will outline the five program goals and determine how the LSTA funds will be spent for the next five years. A final document must be submitted to IMLS by June 30, 2007. Because the next regularly scheduled ISLAC meeting is July 20, Jake Speer requested a special meeting be called on May 16 at 10 am to review the plan. Discussion followed concerning the need for statewide input on the plan. David Lewis requested that the draft document be posted to the INCOLSA list to solicit feedback from the state. ISLAC members will receive the results of the statewide library survey done last Fall by Brilljent for the LSTA 5-Year Evaluation.

Discussion then turned to announcements. Jim Corridan announced that the ISL is constructing a recording studio to record Indiana titles for the Talking Book program. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program. Roberta Brooker announced that a major exhibit is currently on the first and second floor documenting the 100th anniversary of the Eugenics Movement in Indiana. Also, on April 28, ISL will host a second annual Vision Expo with vendors demonstrating products for the visually impaired.

Rick Jones distributed the research study findings from the ILF/AIME LSTA grant regarding the value of qualified staff in school libraries. Copies will be sent to ISLAC members who were not present.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.